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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE AFRICAN AFFAIRS HELD HEARINGS MARCH 20 AND 22 ON SUBJECT U. S. ARMS EMBARGOES RELATING TO PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA. MARCH 20 HEARING HEARD TESTIMONY FREE LANCE AUTHOR BRUCE OUDES AND REPRESENTATIVE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. AT MARCH 22 HEARING JUDGE BOOTH, PRESIDENT AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA, AND JENNIFER DAVIS TESTIFIED AS WELL AS DOD.

OUDES' TESTIMONY ESSENTIALLY REPEAT OF HIS ARTICLE, PAGE 9, JANUARY- FEBRUARY ISSUE " AFRICA REPORT." OUDES HAS REACHED CONCLUSION BASED ON SUPPOSITION THAT ADMINISTRATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOFTENING EMBARGO POLICY. JENNIFER DAVIS' TESTIMONY
ALONG SIMILAR LINES INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT U. S.
PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. BOTH
COMMERCE AND DEFENSE WITNESSES REITERATED THAT POLICY
HAS NOT CHANGED.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OUTLINED HIS BELIEF THAT POLICY OF
COMMUNICATION MERELY COVER FOR WEAKENING OF EMBARGO WITH
REGARD TO PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA AND STATED THAT UNDER

COVER OF SECRECY AND OBFUSCATION SALES BEING MADE.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CALLED TO HEARING MARCH 26 BUT
HAS REQUESTED DELAY. WHEN DEPARTMENT' S STATEMENT
PREPARED, COPIES WILL BE SENT TO POST. IN MEANTIME,
HOWEVER, YOU MAY RESPOND TO ANY QUERIES BY SAYING ARMS
EMBARGO REMAINS FULLY IN EFFECT AS IT HAS SINCE 1963.
WE NOTE, OF COURSE, THAT THE CHARGES MADE BY MR. OUDES
RELATE PRIMARILY TO COMMERCIAL SALES OF CIVILIAN
EQUIPMENT.

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